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| <b>Phone:</b> |   | <b>Date:</b>  | July 18, 2006  |
| <b>Re:</b>    | Application No. 10/580,145<br>Filed May 18, 2006<br>Our Ref.: 2004IT301 | <b>CC:</b>    |  |

Dear Sir or Madam,

Attached are the documents as indicated above.

Respectfully submitted,

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Application No. 10/580,145

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Title: PROCESS FOR PREPARING OXCARBAZEPINE

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Dear Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

1. Pursuant to Rule 56 and Rule 97 *et seq.*, Applicant hereby submits the attached Form PTO/SB/08A and the reference listed thereon.
2. Applicant respectfully requests that the reference, IT 131371, be reviewed and made of record in Application no. 10/580,145 filed May 18, 2006.
3. A Concise Statement of the Subject Matter of Non-English reference IT 131371:

Italian Patent IT 1318371 is the preparation of oxcarbazepine by reaction of 10-methoxydibenzazepine with an alkali or alkali-earth metal cyanate in the presence of an acid followed by hydrolysis with an organic acid.

Application No.: 10/580,145

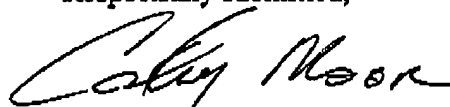
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5. This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 CFR § 1.97 (b) before the latter of three months after the US patent application filing date or the first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, Applicants' Representative respectfully submits that no fee or § 1.97(e) Statement is required. Out of an abundance of caution, however, Applicants' Representative authorizes any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2193.

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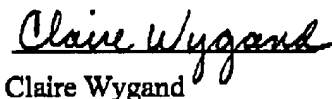


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|                          |          | IT 1318371   | 08/25/2003                     | BIANCHETTI                                      |   |   |
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